

REMARKS

The Examiner's Office Action has been reviewed. Note is taken that the Examiner is deeming the election/restrictions proper and has made such requirement final. As a result thereof, Claims 8 - 11 are cancelled without prejudice subject to being reintroduced in a continuing application.

The Examiner has then rejected Claims 1, 6 and 7 "under 35 U.S.C. 112". Such rejection is well taken. As a result, such various phrasing, such as "nylon webbing" and "webbings" have been amended to read "nylon straps" in all instances for broader clarity. Such amendments have been made to Claim 1, lines 2, 28, 33, 34, 40 and 41; and to the subject matter of Claim 6, lines 2, 3 and 4, which have been added to Claim 2; and to Claim 7, last two lines, which have also been added to Claim 2.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 2 - 5 "under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) and Claim 6 "under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Alexeff (US 3,589,330) in view of Brown et al (USPAP 2004/0122131), Fourness et al (US 2,111,853), and Flowers et al (US 3,291,639)" and as to Claim 6 "further in view of Toulmin, Jr. (US 2,527,465)." While similarities exist between applicant's invention as claimed and the prior art, differences exist as set forth in Claims 2, 6 and 7 when considered together. Specifically, Claim 2 as now amended recites the lamps above and

below the nylon straps in association with the V-shaped bend and V-shaped point for the straps constituting a squeegee for removing excess liquids. It is deemed that the claim now defines patentable subject matter and that the application is now in condition for allowance.

It is deemed that the amendments and remarks herein distinguish the present invention over the prior art and that all objections and rejections have been overcome. Reconsideration and a notice of allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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